



St. Jude patient Olivia,
blood cancer

Olivia's Story

When Olivia was lethargic on family vacation, her parents knew something wasn't right.

A trip to the pediatrician found that Olivia had acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a type of blood cancer. "Your entire world can be shattered in the few minutes it takes for a blood test to be run," said Olivia's mom. "I think then, it was pure darkness. I did not see any future."

Olivia was referred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® for two and a half years of chemotherapy. Treatments invented at St. Jude have increased the survival rate for this disease from 4 percent when St. Jude opened in 1962 to 94 percent today.

Olivia's family were St. Jude supporters before her diagnosis, but even their expectations have been surpassed. "Not until we became patients did I truly understand," said her mom. "St. Jude means hope. It means a future for our daughter. When people give to St. Jude they are helping to make miracles happen."

Olivia had her last dose of chemotherapy in April 2021. She loves baby dolls, painted nails, pretty dresses and all things princess.

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